

By 81 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. EX. 272), James Byrne, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs. **Page S5419**

By a unanimous vote of 94 yeas (Vote No. EX. 276), Stephanie L. Haines, of Pennsylvania, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Pages S5433–34**

By 80 yeas to 13 nays (Vote No. EX. 277), Ada E. Brown, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas. **Page S5434**

By 75 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 278), Steven D. Grimberg, of Georgia, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Georgia. **Page S5434**

By 90 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. EX. 279), Steven C. Seeger, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. **Pages S5434–35**

Stephanie A. Gallagher, of Maryland, to be United States District Judge for the District of Maryland. **Page S5435**

Mary S. McElroy, of Rhode Island, to be United States District Judge for the District of Rhode Island. **Page S5435**

Nomination Received: Senate received the following nomination:

Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Secretary of Labor. **Page S5443, S5452**

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Record Votes: Ten record votes were taken today. (Total—279) **Pages S5418–19, S5432–35**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:02 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5452.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

TSA OVERSIGHT

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting the nation's transportation systems, focusing on oversight of the Transportation Security Administration, after receiving testimony from Patricia F. S. Cogswell, Acting Deputy Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

ENERGY LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy concluded a hearing to examine S. 607, to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to address insufficient compensation of employees and other personnel of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, S. 1739, to enable projects that will aid in the development and delivery of related instruction associated with apprenticeship and preapprenticeship programs that are focused on serving the skilled technical workforce at the National Laboratories and certain facilities of the National Nuclear Security Administration, S. 1821, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to provide for research on, and the development and deployment of, marine energy, S. 2094, to amend the Energy Policy and Conservation Act to provide Federal financial assistance to States to implement State energy security plans, S. 2095, to provide for certain programs and developments in the Department of Energy concerning the cybersecurity and vulnerabilities of, and physical threat to, the electric grid, S. 2137, to promote energy savings in residential buildings and industry, S. 2300, to amend the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 to establish a program to incentivize innovation and to enhance the industrial competitiveness of the United States by developing technologies to reduce emissions of nonpower industrial sectors, S. 2368, to amend the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 and the Energy Policy Act of 2005 to support licensing and relicensing of certain nuclear facilities and nuclear energy research, demonstration, and development, and S. 2393, to promote a 21st century energy workforce, after receiving testimony from Senators Portman, Shaheen, and Whitehouse; Mark W. Menezes, Under Secretary of Energy; and Anton C. Porter, Executive Director, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Aurelia Skipwith, of Indiana, to be Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, who was introduced by Representative Clay, and Katherine Andrea Lemos, of California, to be Chairperson and Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Steven J. Menashi, of New York, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, Karen Spencer Marston, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, who was introduced by Senators Casey and Toomey, Richard Earnest Myers II, to be United States District Judge for the

Eastern District of North Carolina, who was introduced by Senator Burr, and Anuraag Singhal, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, who was introduced by Senator Rick Scott, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

MAKING OUR PATENT SYSTEM STRONGER

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine innovation in America, focusing on how Congress can make our patent system stronger, after receiving testimony from Tom Cotter, University of Minnesota School of Law, Minneapolis; Bradley N. Ditty, Inter-Digital Holdings, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware; Dan Lang, Cisco Systems, San Francisco, California; Adam Mossoff, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Arlington, Virginia; Josh Landau, Computer and Communications Industry Association, Washington, D.C.; and Earl Bright II, ExploraMed, Mountain View, California.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 4279–4294; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 60–61; and H. Res. 552 were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3691, to require the TSA to develop a plan to ensure that TSA material disseminated in major airports can be better understood by more people accessing such airports, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 116–201); and

H.R. 335, to require the Inter-Agency Task Force on Harmful Algal Blooms and Hypoxia to develop a plan for reducing, mitigating, and controlling harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 116–202, Part 1).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Torres to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon.

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Protecting and Securing Florida's Coastline Act of 2019: The House passed H.R. 205, to amend the

Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 to permanently extend the moratorium on leasing in certain areas of the Gulf of Mexico, by a yea-and-nay vote of 248 yeas to 180 nays, Roll No. 521.

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Pursuant to the Rule, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 116–29, modified by the amendment printed in part A of H. Rept. 116–200, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

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Agreed to:

Crist amendment (No. 1 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200) that codifies the Well Control Rule and the Production Safety Systems Rule in their original forms; and

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Barragán amendment (No. 2 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200) that contracts the study entitled “Review and Update of Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement Offshore Oil and Gas Operations Inspection Program” to the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

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Rejected:

Gosar amendment (No. 3 printed in part B of H. Rept. 116–200), as modified, that sought to allow the bill to go into effect when DOI, in consultation